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Applicant(s): Thomas N. Toombs et al.
Assignee: SanDisk Corporation
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DECLARATION OF MICKY HOLTZMAN

Sir:

I, Micky Holtzman, declare as follows, under the penalty of perjury:

1. I am the co-applicant with Thomas N Toombs of the above-identified patent application and am an employee of SanDisk Corporation, a company specializing in production of non-volatile computer memories and the Assignee of the above-identified application. I have worked for SanDisk from June, 1996 until the present and currently hold the position of Director of Engineering, SanDisk Israel.

Background

2. As part of our work for SanDisk, Thomas Toombs and I developed a memory card with a plurality of protocols and capable of adapting to a host's protocol. This was conceived and reduced to practice prior to March 2, 1998.

Pending Claims

3. Pending claims 87-103 of the application were added by amendment and relate to a memory card with a plurality of protocols and capable of adapting a host's protocol.

Claims 87-90 are drawn to the memory card itself, claims 91-96 are drawn to a system including the host as well as the card itself, and claims 97-103 are method claims drawn to using such a card. The reduction to practice of the present invention is described with respect to the card claim 87.

Reduction to Practice

4. I have read the accompanying declaration of Thomas N. Toombs in this case and am familiar with the contents of Attachment A in that declaration. That attachment is a portion of an HDL description of a pre-production version of an integrated circuit built for use in a memory card designed to operate according to various aspects of the invention described in the above-identified patent application. I supervised engineers engaged in the simulation of netlists directly derived from this HDL description, such activity occurring before March 2, 1998. These netlists were subsequently released to an ASIC vendor and a silicon integrated circuit was fabricated and tested to perform as expected with regards to the card initialization as described in the claims currently pending in this case.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Executed this 15th day of April, 2003, at Tefen, Israel.


Micky Holtzman